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1/2% Sales Tax Referendum on November Ballot

On Monday, August 28th, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved an Ordinance that will place a referendum on the November 7th General Election ballot to increase the sales tax by ½%. It is estimated that a ½% non-home-rule sales tax will generate approximately \$650,000 the first year and up to approximately \$900,000 per year in future years. The Village's Ad Hoc Space Needs Committee has spent over two years carefully analyzing current and future facility needs for the Police Department. A Public Safety Committee was recently formed to discuss how Police service to residents and businesses could be enhanced. If approved, revenue generated by the increase would be used to avoid or lessen the need for future property tax increases needed to fund a new Police facility, hire additional Police personnel, purchase public safety related equipment and to otherwise balance future General Fund Budgets.

The provisions of the non-home-rule sales tax law provide for exemptions on the following items: vehicles, boats, tractors, aircraft, etc. titled with the State of Illinois, food and beverage items prepared at home for future consumption and prescription and non-prescription medicines, drugs, medical appliances and insulin. As a non-home-rule community, there are limited resources available to the Village. Historically, Burr Ridge has not relied on the property tax to fund Village government, with only 2¢ out of every dollar paid in taxes by Burr Ridge residents coming to the Village. The proposed sales tax increase would equate to an additional 50¢ paid by the taxpayer for every \$100 spent. The majority of sales tax receipts collected by the Village are paid for by non-Burr Ridge residents. Residents will receive a special edition of the *Burr Ridge Briefs* newsletter in October regarding the upcoming referendum.

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Village Center Update: Site Grading, Building Permits Underway

Opus North Corporation continues to make progress on the construction of the Burr Ridge Village Center with grading and utility construction well underway. A building permit application was received for the first building, located at the corner of Bridewell Drive and Burr Ridge Parkway, which is a four story building with retail on the first floor and residential condominiums on the second, third and fourth floors. It is anticipated that the building permit will be issued sometime in September. Subsequent building permits are expected to be issued in October and November for five of the six other buildings. The final building is scheduled for construction in 2007.

Phase 1 of the residential condominium sales has been sold out. Phase 1 includes two mixed use buildings with a total of 113 units above the first floor retail. Opus North is creating a list of potential buyers for the Phase 2 condos, which will include up to 66 units. They expect sales to begin early in 2007. Additional information is available at the developer's website, www.BurrRidgeVillageCenter.com.



News in Brief

November General Election Approaching

Voter Registration

The November 7th General Election is approaching quickly and the deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 10th. Anyone who would like to register must be a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old by election day and a resident of his/her precinct at least 30 days prior to an election. Illinois voters do not need to register by or declare a political party membership or preference. Anyone who has recently moved or changed their name may need to reregister. Anyone can check their registration status by visiting www.dupageelections.com for DuPage County residents and www.voterinfo.net.com for Cook County residents. Registration can be done at the Burr Ridge Village Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM. Residents should bring two forms of ID, one showing name and current address, to Village Clerk Karen Thomas. Absentee voters in both Counties can pick up applications for an absentee ballot at Village Hall as well.

A 14-day grace period is now available for anyone who misses that deadline. Please note that grace period registrants may only vote absentee. In Cook County, unregistered voters may sign up in person at the Cook County Clerk's Office (69 W. Washington St., Room 500, Chicago) or the DuPage County Election Commission office (421 County Farm Road, Wheaton). Mail-in voter applications can also be completed and returned to the County Clerk's office. Visit the web sites listed above to learn more as procedures may vary by County. You can also call the Cook County Clerk at (312) 603-0906 or the DuPage County Clerk at (630) 407-5600.

Voting Information

On November 7th, Burr Ridge residents can vote between the hours of 6 AM and 7 PM at the locations listed below. Voters can also search for their polling place by visiting the Counties' web sites listed above. Registered voters may vote "early" at certain locations and should check with the appropriate County for the dates, times and locations that early voting will take place. Unlike absentee voting, an early voter is not required to state a reason for voting early. Please note, though, that once an early vote is cast, the it is final and cannot be changed on Election day.

Cook County

Pleasantdale Middle School, 7450 Wolf Rd.
Pleasant Dale Park District, 7425 Wolf Rd.
Trinity Lutheran Church, 11500 German Church Rd
Harris Bank, 101 Burr Ridge Pkwy.
King Bruwaert House, 6101 County Line Rd.

DuPage County

Gower Middle School, 7941 S. Madison St.
Burr Ridge Village Hall, 7660 County Line Rd.
Burr Ridge Middle School, 15W451 91st St.
Hinsdale Central High School, 55th & Grant Streets
Ann M. Jeans School, 16W631 91st St.
Brighton Gardens, 6801 High Grove Blvd.

Tickets on Sale for the 50th Anniversary Gala

Tickets are on sale for the 50th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, October 14th at the Marriott Hotel (1200 Burr Ridge Parkway). The deadline to RSVP is October 1st. Every household will receive an invitation and response card in September with an opportunity to purchase Split-the-Prize raffle tickets for \$20 each or six for \$100. Half of the raffle proceeds will be donated to the Veterans Memorial. If an invitation was not received or has been misplaced, please call Lisa Scheiner at 654-8181, extension 105. Gala and raffle tickets can also be purchased at the Burr Ridge Village Hall (7660 County Line Road) Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM.

Debit/credit cards are accepted and checks can be made payable to the Burr Ridge 50th Anniversary. Tables seat 12 and guests may designate who they would like to sit with on the back of their response card. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail hour. Guests will be seated for dinner at 7:00 and dancing to the TVK Orchestra will begin at 9:00 PM.



Know the Code

Trick or Treating:

Residents are reminded that children may only trick-or-treat on Tuesday, October 31st, until 9:00 p.m. Homeowners are encouraged to leave a front light on so children will know that they are welcome to visit. Make sure you instruct your children to follow safety rules when crossing or walking along the edge of streets where there are no sidewalks or street lights.

Right-of-Way Permits:

Right-of-Way Permits are required for any work conducted in the Village's right-of-way (ROW). The ROW is generally defined as the area 16 feet from the back of the curb. Mailbox installation, seal coating and projects with building permits are exempt from the permit requirements. Performance bond requirements are determined by the type of work being done.

Help Emergency Responders Find Your Home:

Emergency vehicles rely on addresses to respond to calls for service. Addresses should be displayed in a position easily observable from the street. The Village Code requires that any structure to which a street number has been assigned must have the number displayed in Arabic numerals at least 3 inches high and ½ inch stroke.

Public Works in Brief

Brush Chipping Begins in October

The eighth annual fall residential brush chipping program will begin Monday, October 23rd, and continue for two weeks in accordance with the following schedule:

North of 79th Street begins Monday, October 23rd

South of 79th Street begins Monday, October 30th

Branches must NOT be placed in the parkway until three weekends before the chipping program begins for your area. Branches must be in the parkway by NO LATER THAN 7:00 AM on the first day of pickup for your area. Program requirements are as follows:

- Brush chipping at each property will be limited to two hours. There will be a \$50 per hour charge where chipping takes more than 2 hours. A branch pile not exceeding 200 feet long, 12 feet wide and 5 feet high (or 12,000 feet in cubic size) can be chipped in two hours.
- Only branches will be accepted. Branches must not exceed 4 inches in diameter.
- Branches must be stacked neatly on the parkway with all stem/butt ends toward the street.
- Branches must not be tied with string, wire, etc. Branches must be free of wire, staples, nails or metal of any kind.
- No branches removed by contractors will be accepted. The program is intended to assist residents who perform their own work.

The Village has discontinued its program of delivering free truckloads of chips. Small quantities of the wood chips can be picked up at the Public Works Facility at 451 Commerce Street. Please bring your own containers.

Inspect and Test Lawn Irrigation Systems

Annual inspection and testing of a lawn irrigation system RPZ backflow device is required. Once testing is complete a copy of the report must be submitted to the Village. If testing has not yet been performed in 2006, contact a licensed plumber certified in backflow testing or a lawn irrigation contractor. Questions, concerns or a list of companies who perform this work can be obtained from the Public Works Department at 323-4733.

Police Briefs

Tips for Securing and Protecting Property:

Burglaries can be prevented if residents remember to keep exterior doors locked and secure patio doors with heavy duty locks and steel rods at the base. Do not leave valuable items (purses, keys, etc.) in plain sight of open doors and windows. Remove keys stored outside under door mats or in flower pots. Ensure alarm systems are working properly and activate them when you leave, even for short periods of time. Also, consider shortening the delay time of your alarm. Burglars can slip in and out of a home in under a minute without ever activating the alarm. Finally, do not leave valuables in the car, including car keys, and remember to lock car doors at night. Call the Police Department at 323-8181 to schedule a safety check of your home. Officers can evaluate your property and suggest ways to make your home more secure.

Avoid Late Penalties for Water Bills

Unlike most bills, there is no grace period for water bills. If payment is not received by 5:00 PM on the due date it is considered late and subject to a 10% penalty regardless of when it was mailed. Utilizing a bank's online payment system does not guarantee that payments will be received by the deadline since the bank's process may actually delay payment. Avoid late penalties and send payments seven to ten days prior to the due date. Residents can also utilize the depository box to the left of the Village's Hall's main entrance or direct debit the payment from a checking or savings account. However, once direct debit is established, any changes to account information must be made in writing 30 days prior to the effective date of the change. Questions regarding water bills should be directed to Barb Joyce at 654-8181, extension 203.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Announced

DuPage County will host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, September 30th from 8 AM to 3 PM at the Belmont Commuter Parking Lot (5000 Belmont Ave., between Ogden and Maple Ave. in Downers Grove) Access the site from Curtiss St. Waste should be kept in the original container whenever possible. Acceptable items include: unwanted cellular phones, expired/leftover medicines, asbestos, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts, pool chemicals, wood stain and varnish, insecticides, oil based paints, mercury, mercury thermometers, automotive fluids, household batteries, poisons, fertilizers, pesticides, propane cylinders (gas grill size), thermostats, acids and cleaning solvents. Items that will not be accepted include electronics, fireworks, agricultural wastes, regular garbage, ammunition, radioactive material, other gas cylinders, school wastes, explosives, business wastes, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, medical waste and latex paint. For more information, call the event hotline at (630) 407-6760 or visit the County's web site at www.dupageco.org/edp and click on "Waste, Recycling & Energy".

School Zone Safety Reminder:

With school in session, motorists are reminded that school zone speed limits are strictly enforced in the Village. When busses are loading or unloading passengers, motorists must remain stopped in both directions until the stop sign and extended arm are returned.

Beware of Phone Solicitors:

Ensure that you know where your funds are going when you are contacted by telephone solicitors. Ask the exact name and address of the organization and the name of the phone solicitor. Ask if the caller is a paid telephone solicitor and what percentage of a donation benefits the organization. If the solicitor indicates that donations will benefit the local police or fire department, ask what their connection is to the Village or Fire District that serves you.

News in Brief

Cook County Plans County Line Road Improvements

The Cook County Highway Department has announced that improvements to County Line Road between Plainfield Road and 55th Street will begin in April, 2007. Work includes milling and resurfacing of the existing pavement as well as drainage additions and alterations and should be completed by the end of June. Currently, there are no long-term closures or detours planned in association with this project. Temporary lane closures may occur during the course of construction, with the exception of the approach at Plainfield Road where overnight closures will be required due to small areas of pavement patching. Residents will be kept informed of the project as its start date approaches.

No Burning Please

Open burning for disposal of trash or landscape waste is prohibited by Village Code and BOCA National Fire Prevention Code, which the Village has adopted by reference. Residents cannot enjoy open windows or relaxing outdoors when burning goes on around them. Please be considerate of your neighbors and let your waste hauler dispose of your trash.

EQC Sponsors Annual Essay Contest

The Environmental Quality Commission is hosting its annual Essay Contest for students in 3rd to 12th grades. Students can visit www.burr-ridge.gov for more information on topics and entry rules. Entries must be submitted by Friday, February 23rd, 2007 to the Environmental Quality Commission/Essay Contest at the Burr Ridge Village Hall, 7660 South County Line Road. Winners will be announced and recognized in a special ceremony this spring. For more information call Lisa Scheiner at 654-8181, extension 105.

Veterans Memorial Committee Thanks Donors

The Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial Committee wishes to thank all who have donated toward the Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial. They especially would like to thank those who attended the Burr Ridge 50th Anniversary Kick-off Party, which raised \$3,800 in donations. Watch as the thermometer goes up!

A split-the-prize raffle will be conducted in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Gala. See the article regarding the 50th Anniversary Gala on page two for more information. The Veterans Memorial Committee is still in need of donations, as they have raised less than half of their \$270,000 goal. Anyone wishing to donate should contact Corporal Tim Vaclav at 323-8181, extension 309.

Calendar of Events: September - November

September

- 11 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12 Stormwater Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 13 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
Board of Fire and Police Commissioners 7:00 PM
- 14 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 18 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 19 Economic Development Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 25 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 27 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
Environmental Quality Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 28 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 30 Burr Ridge Park District Harvest Fest

October

- 2 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 3 Police Pension Board 7:00 PM
- 5 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 9 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
Board of Fire and Police Commissioners 7:00 PM
- 12 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 14 50th Anniversary Gala at the Marriott Hotel 6:00 PM
- 16 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 19 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 23 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Brush Chipping Begins North of 79th Street
- 25 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 26 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 29 *Daylight Savings Time Ends*
- 30 *Brush Chipping Begins South of 79th Street*
- 31 Halloween Trick-or-Treat until 9:00 PM

November

- 2 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 6 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 7 *General Election, 6 AM to 7 PM*
- 8 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
Board of Fire and Police Commissioners 7:00 PM
- 9 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
Pathway Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 11 *Veterans Day*
- 13 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 Stormwater Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 15 Environmental Quality Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 20 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21 Economic Development Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 22 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 23 *Thanksgiving - Village Hall Closed*
- 24 *Village Hall Closed*
- 27 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Visit the Village's web site
[Www.burr-ridge.gov](http://www.burr-ridge.gov)

27th Annual Tree Program

Order Form

Village of Burr Ridge ♦ 7660 S. County Line Road ♦ Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

I wish to purchase the following as part of the Burr Ridge Annual Tree Program:

Variety	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
Crabapple (white or pink)		\$125	
Linden (quantities limited)		\$157	
Norway Maple (green leaf)		\$156	
Norway Maple (red leaf)		\$180	
Locust (quantities limited)		\$155	
Japanese Tree Lilac		\$183	
		SUBTOTAL	
	DELIVERY CHARGE	(Add \$10 per tree)	
		GRAND TOTAL	

Enclose a check for the Grand Total made payable to the Village of Burr Ridge. The completed order form and payment must be received at the Burr Ridge Village Hall by no later than Monday, October 2nd, 2006. Trees are first come, first serve when quantities are limited. Orders must include the \$10 per tree delivery charge or the order will not be valid. Your receipt marked "PAID" will be returned by mail. Remember, trees carry no guarantees.

Complete but DO NOT DETACH. - Return with order.

Variety	Number Ordered
Crabapple (white or pink)	
Linden	
Norway Maple (green or red)	
Locust	
Japanese Tree Lilac	

VILLAGE USE ONLY

PRINT NAME & ADDRESS:

**TREES WILL BE DELIVERED TO
YOUR HOME shortly after
OCTOBER 16th DURING
REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.**

Place Your Order

27th Annual Tree Program

Join the Village reforestation efforts by placing your order for trees for fall planting in your yard. 2006 marks the 27th year that the Village of Burr Ridge will celebrate the season by offering residents an opportunity to participate in our reforestation program by purchasing trees for their yards through our annual tree program.

Once again, we are offering trees purchased through the Suburban Tree Consortium (STC). STC is comprised of 30 municipalities in the western suburbs who banded together to contract with Wilson Nurseries of Hampshire, Illinois. Although there is no guarantee that accompanies the trees, mortality within the Consortium has been approximately 1% in recent years.

Because the trees will be dormant at the time of delivery, conditions will be ideal for the development of a healthy root system. However, since this year's deliveries will not be until late October, residents are urged to plant their trees promptly after receiving them to avoid any danger of freezing or drying. Since the trees are grown locally, they are well-adjusted to soil conditions. Also, since they are balled and burlapped, the trees adapt more readily to their new location and do not require extensive pruning.

Please remember that, under the provisions of the Village's tree regulations, a permit must be obtained if any of the trees purchased through this program are to be planted in the parkway. There is no fee for the permit, however, your application should be approved before you accept delivery.

As shown on the order form, the following trees will be available for purchase. Some quantities are limited and are first come, first serve. Pictures are available for inspection at the Village Hall:

Crabapple (White or Pink Flowers) - 2 inch trunk diameter. Small ornamental tree with a rounded form and dark green foliage. Abundant flowers in the spring. Dark green foliage with attractive fruit that remains on the tree through the fall. Disease resistant. Height to 20 feet.

Linden - 2 inch trunk. Quantities are limited. Dense pyramidal form with dark green leaves that turn yellow in the fall. Fragrant flowers in June. Very tolerant of harsh soil conditions. Height from 50 - 60 feet.

Norway Maple (Green or Red Leafed) - 2 inch trunk. The Norway maple is an attractive large tree with a dense, rounded, symmetrical crown which casts a deep shade. Moderate to vigorous growth rate. It has adapted well to urban conditions. Height to 60 feet.

Locust - 2 inch trunk. Quantities are limited. Rapid growing small leafed shade tree. Pyramidal form with dark green leaves turning to golden yellow in the fall. A very tough tree which is good for harsh sites. Salt tolerant. Height from 35 - 50 feet.

Japanese Tree Lilac - 2 inch trunk diameter. Small ornamental tree with a dense oval crown. It produces large 5-6" clusters of small creamy white flowers in early summer when few other trees are blooming. Height from 15 - 20 feet.

The Deadline for ordering is October 2nd, 2006. Trees will be delivered starting October 16th during normal business hours. If residents are not home, trees will be placed near the rear of the driveway. We cannot make arrangements for special deliveries at another time. Delivery could be delayed if it rains. If this happens, residents who ordered trees will be notified by telephone and given another delivery date.

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ORDER FORM



MAKE IT A SAFE HALLOWEEN

The Burr Ridge Police Department recommends hosting a Halloween party for youngsters as a safe alternative to “trick or treat” activities. However, if children go “trick or treating”, they should do so before 9:00 PM on Tuesday, October 31st. Follow the guidelines recommended by the Burr Ridge Police Department for safer “trick or treating.” Take just a few moments to read over the guidelines below and you can help prevent an accidental injury.

- ✧ Children’s costumes should fit properly and be designed so they can see well. Non-toxic face paints are better than face masks.
- ✧ Light colored costumes and best-reflective strips are safer because they make trick-or-treaters more visible to motorists.
- ✧ Children should “trick or treat” in their own neighborhoods since they may be more familiar with the area and its residents. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or responsible teen.
- ✧ Children should never eat anything until they get home and their treats have been examined. Throw away any candy that is unwrapped. Cut and wash fruit before eating.
- ✧ Confining “trick or treating” to daylight hours is recommended, but if children plan to be out after dark they should carry a flashlight.
- ✧ Know which friends children are with and what route they are taking.
- ✧ Instruct children to avoid houses that are dark. Go instead to the next well-lit home.
- ✧ Remind children to look for traffic first before crossing the street. If they must walk in the street they should walk on the left side facing cars.
- ✧ Keep costumed children away from pets. Pets may not recognize them and become frightened. A frightened pet can become aggressive.

Homeowners should leave a front light on and place the sign on the back side of this tip sheet in their front window so children will know they are welcome to visit. Motorists are reminded to be alert to youngsters “trick-or-treating.” Anyone who observes suspicious treats or activities should call the Burr Ridge Police Department (9-1-1) immediately!



